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SUBJ: SHAH BEGINS DISTRIBUTION OF INDUSTRIAL SHARES ON

13TH ANNIVERSARY OF WHITE REVOLUTION

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. AT CEREMONIES COMMEMORATING THE 13TH ANNIVERSARY OF IRAN'S WHITE REVOLUTION, THE SHAH HANDED OUT INDUSTRIAL SHARES TO 14,222 WORKERS TO BEGIN WORKER PARTICIPATION IN INDUSTRIAL OWNERSHIP UNDER THE 13TH PRINCIPLE(SEE REFTELS). IN HIS SPEECH, THE SHAH PRAISED THE UNITY OF THE IRANIAN NATION UNDER THE RASTAKHIZ PARTY AND GAVE IRAN 12 MORE YEARS TO FINISH PREPARATION FOR ENTRY INTO THE ERA OF THE GREAT CIVILIZATION.

2. CEREMONIES AND PARADE ATTENDING ANNIVERSARY WERE LARGEST IN MEMORY OF OBSERVARS. IN RECENT YEARS SHAH HAS BEEN OUT OF IRAN, AND HIS PARTICIPATION CLEARLY BOOSTED THIS YEAR'S CELEBRATION. PRIME MINISTER SAID 200,000 IRANIANS PARTICIPATED AND MINISTERS MARCHED WITH THEIR MINISTERIAL DELEGATIONS FOR THE FIRST TIME. DELEGATION REPRESENTING 6,000 IRANIAN GRADUATES OF FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES WHO

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MARCHED IN PARADE GAVE PRIME MINISTER HOVEYDA SPECIAL

PLAQUE FOR PRESENTATION TO SHAH WHICH SAID IRANIAN GRADUATES'  
"SOLIDARITY WITH THE SHAHANSHAH ARYAMEHR IS IMPREGNABLE."

3. MEDIA COMPARED THIS PRESENTATION OF INDUSTRIAL SHARE  
CERTIFICATES TO WORKERS WITH TURNOVER OF FIRST LAND REFORM  
DEEDS TO FARMERS AT MARAGHEH 14 YEARS AGO. IN PROVIDING THE  
FIRST FIGURES ON WORKER PURCHASE OF INDUSTRIAL SHARES,  
MININDUSTRIES AND MINES FARROKH NAJMABADI SAID THAT THE  
FIRST GROUP OF 14,222 SHAREHOLDERS, EMPLOYED IN 26 INDUSTRIAL  
UNITS, HAVE PRUCHASED OVER 600 MILLION RIALS WORTH OF  
SHARES. WORKERS PROVIDED 45 MILLION RIALS FROM OWN SAVINGS;  
REMAINING 555 MILLION RIALS LOANED BY COUNCIL OF EXPANSION  
OF INDUSTRIAL OWNERSHIP. MINISTER REPORTED 64 INDUSTRIAL  
UNITS HAVE NOW EXTENDED 20 PERCENT OF THEIR SHARES FOR  
SALE AND WORKERS FROM 75 INDUSTRIES HAVE ORDERED SHARES.  
SALES OF GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL SHARES HAVE BEEN INITIATED  
AND STOCK FROM 82 UNITS WILL BE SOLD TO PUBLIC WITHIN NEXT  
THREE YEARS. BY SEPTEMBER 1978, 320 INDUSTRIES ARE TO HAVE  
SOLD 49 PERCENT OF THEIR SHARES TO WORKERS, FARMERS AND THE  
GENERAL PUBLIC. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: COMMENT: EMPHASIS ON  
SHARING INDUSTRIAL OWNERSHIP WAS EXPECTED. DRAMATIC  
EXPANSION IN CELEBRATION FESTIVITIES NECESSITATED MOVE FROM  
TOWN TO ARYAMEHR SPORTS COMPLEX. SHAH TOOK OPPORTUNITY  
TO ATTACK CORRUPTION ONCE AGAIN AND TO SPUR COUNTRY TO  
FURTHER DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS. FIGURES ON STOCK SALES  
MAY NOT BE PARTICULARLY EXACT, BUT POSITIVE SYMBOLIC  
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